Coastal security for Andaman and Nicobar Islands

†1333. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the system of security of coastal areas of Andaman and Nicobar Islands at present;

(b) the approved strength of posts in the agency being used for this work;

(c) the posts laying vacant in it;

(d) whether it is a fact that an order for procurement of two helicopters having two 'fixed wings' and boats had been placed few year ago to keep vigil at the coasts; and

(e) if so, the reasons for not providing the same to them so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) At present Police Marine Force of Andaman and Nicobar Police undertakes regular patrolling in creek and harbor areas. Indian Navy and Coast Guard also undertake regular air and marine surveillance in the adjoining sea waters of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

(b) Police Marine Force has a sanctioned strength of 103 posts of various ranks.

(c) two.

(d) No order has been placed for procurement of helicopters and fixed wing aircrafts. However, two medium size boats and six small speed boats were sanctioned in 1999 and have been deployed in coastal areas.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

Approval to telecast of Ramayana

1334. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has approved telecasting of a new television serial on "Ramayana";

(b) if so, number of episodes approved;

(c) whether there is a possibility of making political misuse of the serial; and

(d) if so, the steps the Ministry proposes to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) As informed by Prasar Bharati , no new serial on "Ramayana" has been approved for telecast on Doordarshan. Further Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is not involved in granting approval or otherwise of any television serial.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Censor Certificate to Hindi feature films by Censor Board

1335. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) names of the Hindi feature films submitted before the Film Censor Board in the year 2007;

(b) whether the Board rejected/refused to certify any of the films; if so, names of those films and grounds thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the types of categories under which certificates were issued to the films certified by the Board, stating the number in each of the categories;

(d) whether any organization of film producers, directors or distributors have demanded abolition of the Board; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government to the same?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Regional channels of Doordarshan

1336. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of regional channels of Doordarshan at present;

(b) what is the budget allocation for different channels;

(c) what is the number of employees in each language channel; and

(d) the details thereof language-wise breakup and the posts of these employees?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (d) There are 11 regional channels of Doordarshan. The details of budget allocation and number of employees working in these channels are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Details of budget allocation and number of employees working in regional channel of Doordarshan

Sl. No.	Language	Kendra	Budget allocation (B.E. for 2007-08) [Rs. in thousands]	Staff strength (DD1 Terrestrial + Regional Language Setellite Service)
1.	Malayalam	Thiruvananthapuram	1,36,440	316
2.	Tamil	Chennai	2,31,581	509
3.	Oriya	Bhubaneshwar	1,02,438	259
4.	Bengali	Kolkata	2,39,492	543
5.	Telugu	Hyderabad	1,64,618	368
6.	Kannada	Bangalore	1,43,525	330
7.	Marathi	Mumbai	3,29,775	463
8.	Gujarati	Ahmedabad	1,39,969	285
9.	Kashmiri	Srinagar	1,73,776	400
10.	Assamese	Guwahati	2,01,961	119
11.	Punjabi	Jallandhar	1,28,338	320